

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-72 : (Canceled)

Claim 73 : (New) A shoe comprising:

a) an upper; and

b) an outsole attached to the upper, the outsole having a first section formed of a first material and including a ground contacting portion and a non-ground contacting portion, the outsole having a second section including an outer ground contacting layer formed of a fabric material, wherein the second section further includes a backing layer formed of a thermoplastic material, the fabric material of the outer ground contacting layer being connected to the backing layer to define an integral assembly, wherein the backing layer is integrally molded with a base section of the non-ground contacting portion of the first section to define a fused bond at a boundary zone between the backing layer and the base section such that the fabric material is a ground contacting surface, and wherein the ground contacting portion of the first section is free of fabric material.

Claim 74 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the fabric material is free of contact with the first section.

Claim 75 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the backing layer is connected to the first material of the first section to define an integral outsole member.

Claim 76 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the backing layer and the first material are made of the same material.

Claim 77 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein there is a gap between the fabric material and the first material.

Claim 78 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the fabric material is a non-woven fabric material.

Claim 79 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the first material is selected from a group consisting of rubber materials and plastic materials.

Claim 80 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the first material is a shape-retaining moldable thermoplastic material.

Claim 81 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein a bottommost section of the fabric material and a bottommost section of the first section are planar with respect to one another.

Claim 82 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the fabric material bulges outwardly from surrounding portions of the first section of the outsole so that the fabric material extends beyond a plane containing the ground contacting surface of said surrounding portions.

Claim 83 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the second section occupies a portion of the ground contacting surface which is greater than the first section.

Claim 84 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the fabric material has a prescribed pattern that is formed as a part thereof.

Claim 85 : (New) The shoe of claim 73, wherein the backing layer includes a prescribed pattern formed as a part thereof which is visible through the fabric material when the fabric material is integrally attached thereto.

Claim 86 : (New) A shoe outsole comprising:

a) a first section including a ground contacting portion and a non-ground contacting portion; and

b) a second section including an outer ground contacting layer formed of a fabric material, wherein the second section includes a backing layer formed of a thermoplastic material and being connected to the fabric material to define an integral insert, wherein the non-ground contacting portion of the first section includes at least one recessed section for receiving the insert, the backing layer being integrally molded with a base of the at least one recessed section to define a fused bond at a boundary zone between the backing layer and the base so that the fabric material and the ground contacting portion of the first section together comprise a ground contacting surface, and wherein the ground contacting portion of the first section is free of fabric material.

Claim 87 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein the backing layer and the first section comprise a material selected from a group consisting of rubber materials and plastic materials.

Claim 88 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein the second section occupies a portion of the ground contacting surface which is greater than the first section.

Claim 89 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein the non-ground contacting portion is moldably attached to the backing layer.

Claim 90 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein the non-ground contacting portion of the first section completely surrounds the fabric material.

Claim 91 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein there is a gap between a perimeter edge of the fabric material and the non-ground contacting portion of the first section.

Claim 92 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein the fabric material occupies more than fifty percent of the ground contacting surface of the outsole.

Claim 93 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein the fabric material has a prescribed pattern that is formed as a part thereof.

Claim 94 : (New) The outsole of claim 86, wherein the backing layer includes a prescribed pattern formed as a part thereof which is visible through the fabric material when the fabric material is integrally attached thereto.

Claim 95 : (New) A shoe comprising:

- a) an upper; and
- b) an outsole formed of a first material and having a first face attached to the upper and a second face defining a ground contacting surface, the second face having at least one recessed section for receiving at least one insert, the at least one insert being formed of a thermoplastic backing layer and an outer ground contacting layer that is formed of a fabric material which is integrally attached to the backing layer, wherein the backing layer and the first material are integrally, moldably attached in a softened state to form a unitary outsole construction with the fabric material defining a ground contacting surface.

Claim 96 : (New) The shoe of claim 95, wherein the first material comprises a thermoplastic material.

Claim 97 : (New) The shoe of claim 95, wherein the backing layer is attached to the first material along at least a base floor of the at least one recessed section by a fused bond.

Claim 98 : (New) The shoe of claim 95, wherein the fabric material occupies more than fifty percent of the entire ground contacting surface of the outsole.